

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions:

I. Claims 1-30, drawn to a chip comprising oligonucleotide probes, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.

II. Claims 31-63, drawn to a method detecting SARS-CoV, classified in class 435, subclass 6.

III. Claims 64-68, drawn to an oligonucleotide primer or kit, classified in class 536, subclass 24.33.

IV. Claims 69-74, drawn to an oligonucleotide probe or kit, classified in class 536, subclass 24.31.

Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-30) without traverse.

Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 U.S.C § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

Applicants request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

CONCLUSION

In the unlikely event that the transmittal form is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing (**514572002000**). However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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